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1. (C) Ambassador met with Jordanian Foreign Minister Farouk Kasrawi November 17. Ambassador said the international community needs to keep up the pressure on Syria to cooperate with the UN. Jordan seemed to be on the same page as the U.S., but he warned Kasrawi not to fall into Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Walid Moallem's trap: if his invitations to Jordanian and other Arab government officials are accepted, the SARG will trumpet the visits as evidence that Syria is not isolated and that their behavior has met at least some states' expectations. Kasrawi replied that Jordan will keep the pressure on Syria to cooperate. He was aware that Syria wants to be able to boast of the support of other Arab governments, particularly Jordan. Jordan will judge Syria by the extent of its cooperation with the UN and Mehlis.

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